Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program
Annual Report

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Yukon
Economic Development
Film & Sound Commission

Minister's Message

It is my pleasure to introduce the Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program Annual Report. The Film & Sound Commission's Incentive Program has been in existence since 2004 and was developed to support the growth and diversification of the film and sound industries.

Each year, Yukon government supports a variety of film projects developed or crewed by local filmmakers. From short documentaries and commercials, to drama and animation series, these projects allow Yukoners to further their individual careers, while introducing Yukon landscapes, culture and history to the world.

In the sound recording industry, the Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program enables musicians to record professional CDs that further their musical careers and support sound infrastructure in Yukon. These products are a critical building-block to the development and success of individual musicians and musical groups.

Professional development is a key element of the Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program. Through local industry support organizations, the Film Training component of the Program supports workshops that provide both theoretical and hands-on training to Yukoners.

The goals of the Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program are to increase the level of film and sound recording production in Yukon, to maximize Yukon employment opportunities in the sectors, and to encourage sustainable growth.

During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, $706,001 was approved under the Incentive Program to support a variety of film and sound projects.

Government of Yukon strongly supports cultural industries. We are pleased to support a Program that so clearly benefits our hardworking musicians, filmmakers, professional crew and technicians.

Jim Kenyon
Minister of Economic Development

Yukon Film Location Incentive

Total Approved Amounts 07/08
$24,335

The Film Location Incentive encourages production companies from outside Yukon to film in Yukon and hire and train Yukoners. There are three components to this incentive program.

Travel Rebate

- *Commercial and documentary productions are eligible for 50% of travel costs to a maximum of $10,000, or 10% of all Yukon expenditures (whichever is the lesser).*

- *Television programs, television Movie of the Week (MOW), and feature film productions, are eligible for 50% of travel costs to a maximum of $15,000, or 15% of Yukon expenditures not assisted under any other portion of the Yukon Film Incentive Program (whichever is the lesser).*

Labour Rebate

- *Television programs, television Movie of the Week (MOW), documentaries, and feature films (but not commercials) are eligible for a rebate of up to 35% of wages paid for eligible Yukon labour, provided criteria are met.*

Training Program

- *As with the Labour rebate, productions are eligible for a rebate of up to 35% of wages paid to individuals providing on-set training to eligible Yukon labour.*

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project status
Aperture Films Ltd.	• "The Quest for Gold: The Klondike Gold Rush" • Aperture Films spent a total of $35,723. while in Yukon. Fifteen Yukon residents worked on this production.	$9,255	Project complete
Radke Film Group	• Production of the commercial "Because" • Radke Film Group spent a total of $70,724. while in Yukon. Eight Yukon residents worked on this production.	$4,000	Project Complete
Partners Film Inc.	• Production of the commercial "Dare Devil" • Partners Film spent a total of $106,332. in the Yukon. A total of twenty-two Yukoners worked on this production.	$6,000	Project Complete

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project status
Pinewood Films Inc.	▪ Production of "Angry Planet 14" ▪ Pinewood Films spent a total of $7,280.24 In the Yukon. One Yukoner worked on this production.	$3,080	Project Complete
New Real Films Inc.	▪ Scouting trip for the feature film "Discovery of Strangers" ▪ New Real Films spent at total of $4,000.00 in Yukon. One Yukoner was employed on the scout.	$2,000	Scout Complete

Yukon Film Development Fund

Total Approved Amounts 07/08
$74,336

Under the Film Development Fund, up to 50% of actual Yukon expenditures to a maximum of $35,000, or 33% of total project expenses, whichever is the lesser, is available to Yukon residents or Yukon corporations to assist with the cost of development of film projects in Yukon. The applicant is required to have marketplace support in the form of a broadcast development agreement or a distribution arrangement.

An additional $10,000 is available to an applicant if the broadcaster/distributor requires more senior personnel, not available in Yukon, to be attached to the project.

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project status
Northern Town Films Inc.	▪ Northern Town Films developed the feature film "Story of Lillian Alling" ▪ Total Development Budget was $36,405.	$9,101	Development Complete
Marten Berkman	▪ Marten Berkman developed the short documentary "Wild Waters, Sacred Places" ▪ Total Development budget was $32,970.	$15,235	Project Complete
Max Fraser Video Productions	▪ Max Fraser Video Productions developed the short documentary "Whitehorse 911" ▪ Total Yukon Development budget is $10,000.	$5,000	Development in Progress
Sun Rock Productions (YK) 7-13	▪ Sun Rock Productions developed season two of the live action animation series "Anash and the Legacy of the Sun Rock". ▪ Sun Rock Productions anticipates a Yukon Development Budget of $119,739.	$45,000	Awaiting final reporting

Yukon Film Production Fund

Total Approved Amounts 07/08
$500,000

Under the Film Production Fund, up to $500,000/project is available to Yukon corporations with significant financial and creative control over a film project, to assist with the costs of producing the film in Yukon. The applicant is required to have marketplace support in the form of a broadcast license or a distribution arrangement.

For productions solely controlled by a Yukon resident or corporation, the contributions will be based on 30% of Yukon expenditures, or 30% of total production costs (whichever is the lesser).

For co-productions, the contribution will be based on 30% of Yukon expenditures, or 20% of total production costs (whichever is the lesser).

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project status
Sun Rock Productions (YK) 7-13	▪ Sun Rock Productions is commencing season two of the live action animation series "Anash and the Legacy of the Sun Rock". ▪ Total budget is projected at $2,800,000.	$500,000	Project in Progress

Yukon Film Training Initiative

Total Approved Amounts 07/08
$40,800

Under the Film Training Initiative, up to $3,000/person/year is available to Yukon residents for training for a career in the film industry. Applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to a career in this field (such as significant recent course work and/or work experience). Yukon film industry organizations are also eligible for funding to support local film workshops.

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project status
Yukon Film Society	Filmmaker workshops in conjunction with the Available Light Film Festival.	$6,700	Complete
Dawson City Arts Society	Filmmaker workshops in conjunction with the Dawson City International Short Film Festival.	$9,100	Complete
Northern Film and Video Industry Association	Film crew training workshops.	$12,500	In Progress
Yukon Film Society	Mise-en-Scene short drama training project.	$12,500	In Progress

Yukon Filmmakers Fund

Total Approved Amounts 07/08
$39,000

Under the Filmmakers Fund, up to $8,000/applicant is available to Yukon resident film and video professionals to assist them in developing viable careers in the film industry. There are two intakes per year: June 1st and December 1st.

Name of Applicant	Project Name	Approved Amount	Project Status
Richard Lawrence	Short drama "Smallfilm"	$8,000	Project Complete
David Hamelin	Development Feature Length Script "The Clearing"	$5,000	Project in Progress
Joyce Majiski	Film project "Marks on Film"	$3,000	Project in Progress
Marten Berkman	Film project "Klondike Saba"	$4,000	Project in Progress
Red Snapper Films Limited	Film project "Camp Klondike"	$3,000	Project in Progress
Anna Crawford	Film project "Sylvia's Piece"	$2,000	Project in Progress
Fresh From the Yukon Inc	Feature Length Documentary	$8,000	Project in Progress
Nanuht'ee Communications	Screenplay development	$6,000	Project in Progress

Total number of applications 2007/08: 17

Yukon Sound Recording Program

Total Approved Amounts 07/08
$27,530

The Yukon Sound Recording Program supports the Yukon sound recording industry by providing financial assistance for demo and full length sound recording projects. There are two intakes per year: May 1st and November 1st.

There are two components to the Sound Recording Program:

- *Professional Demo Recording of up to $2,000 for producing a CD with a minimum of 2 tracks or 5 minutes.*
- *Professional Sound Recording of up to $5,000 for producing a CD with a minimum of 6 tracks or 20 minutes.*

Name of Applicant	Project Name	Approved Amount	Project Status
Daniel Ashley	Professional Sound Recording "Nemo & Prhyme"	$4,642	Project Complete
Art Johns	Professional Demo Recording "Blue River Rose"	$2,000	Project not completed
Marc-Andre Hamelin	Professional Demo Recording "Funk Town Blues"	$2,000	Project Complete
Fortitude North Recording	Professional Sound Recording "The Soldier/Question Yourself"	$4,888	Project in Progress
Kyle Cashen	Professional Sound Recording "Crash the Car"	$5,000	Project in Progress
Craig Marcuk	Professional Demo "Recording Old Animals Dream"	$2,000	Project in Progress
Didier Delahaye	Professional Demo Recording "Les Soeurs de l'espoir"	$2,000	Project in Progress
Dan Halen	Professional Sound Recording "Fishin Condition"	$5,000	Project in Progress

Total number of applications 2007/08: 19

Statistical Summary

	2007/2008
Yukon Film Location Incentive	$24,335
Development Fund	$74,336
Production Fund	$500,000
Yukon Film Training Initiative	$40,800
Yukon Filmmakers Fund	$39,000
Yukon Sound Recording Program	$27,530
Total Film Incentive Funds Approved 07/08	**$706,001**